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SUBJECT: PAPAZOV VISIT

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN FEBRUARY 6-14 VISIT TO US BY PAPAZOV.
2. WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT DR. FRANK PRESS, THE WHITE HOUSE SCIENCE ADVISOR, ACT AS NOMINAL HOST FOR PAPAZOV IN WASHINGTON, MEET WITH HIM, AND HOST A LUNCHEON FOR HIM AND THAT DR. RICHARD C. ATKINSON, DIRECTOR, NSF, ALSO MEET WITH HIM.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT AS IVPS PAPAZOV AND ONE AIDE
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(WE ASSUME SCSTP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MARIN PETROV). IN THIS CASE, WE MUST KNOW WHEN PETROV WILL ARRIVE IN THE US. IF HE WILL ARRIVE BEFORE PAPAZOV, WHAT WILL PETROV DO UNTIL FEBRUARY 6?

4. IN ACCORD WITH PAST PROCEDURE, WE ASK THAT THE AMBASSADOR INVITE PAPAZOV TO VISIT THE US UNDER THE

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM, EXPLAINING THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL AWARD IV GRANTS TO HIM AND TO ONE ASSOCIATE

COVERING TRAVEL WITHIN THE US, LODGING, AND SUBSISTENCE.

5. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT AS A RULE COVER COSTS OF ACCOMPANYING SPOUSES. IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES IN WHICH THE SPOUSE ALSO QUALIFIES FOR PROFESSIONAL REASONS, DEPARTMENT CAN FUND SPOUSE'S TRAVEL, BUT, IN THIS CASE, TIME CONSTRAINT MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM AGENCY TO ARRANGE A SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR MRS. PAPAZOV. BULGARIAN EMBASSY SHOULD BE ABLE TO ARRANGE AN ALTERNATE PROGRAM FOR HER (AT LEAST, IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK) IF THAT IS HER PREFERENCE.

6. DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMMING AGENCY WILL ARRANGE SHORT PROGRAM FOR PAPAZOV. WE ENVISAGE THE FOLLOWING PRE-LIMINARY, TENTATIVE SCENARIO: SINCE PAPAZOV WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 6, HE COULD SPEND TWO DAYS THERE, BOTH TO ATTEND SIGNATURE OF SCSTP-IREX AGREEMENT AND TO VISIT INSTITUTIONS OF INTEREST, POSSIBLY INCLUDING NYU AND BROOKHAVEN LABORATORY. PAPAZOV COULD THEN COME TO WASHINGTON LATE ON THE 8TH OR EARLY ON THE 9TH. ON THE 9TH AND 10TH, HE COULD ATTEND SIGNATURE OF SCSTP-NSF MOU, MEET WITH PRESS AND ATKINSON, AND VISIT NSF, NAS, PRESS' OFFICE, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, AND, PERHAPS, UNCLASSIFIED

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HEW, FOR DISCUSSION OF SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION IN US. HE COULD SIGHTSEE, CONFER WITH BULGARIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS, AND VISIT THE SMITHSONIAN IN WASHINGTON OVER THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 11-12. THEN, LATE ON THE 12TH, HE COULD TRAVEL TO BOSTON FOR TWO DAYS TO VISIT RELATIVELY NEW BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, MIT, AND SOME CORPORATION WITH SCIENCE RESEARCH COMPONENT. HE COULD THEN DEPART US DIRECTLY FROM BOSTON EVENING OF FEBRUARY 14.

7. PAPAZOV SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE VISIT WILL BE ARRANGED AS IN THE CASE OF VULCAN SHOPOV'S VISIT LAST SUMMER, UNDER INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM, WITHOUT LIMOUSINES (UNLESS BULGARIAN EMBASSY PROVIDES), WITH INDIVIDUAL CHECKS FOR EACH GRANTEE'S PER DIEM, ETC.

8. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE BULGARIAN-LANGUAGE ESCORT-INTERPRETER. IN CASE WE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, CAN BULGARIANS HAVE EMBASSY OFFICER ACCOMPANY PAPAZOV TO INTERPRET? IN THIS CASE, WE WOULD ASSIGN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ESCORT. (ALTERNATIVELY, IF PAPAZOV AND PETROV SPEAK GERMAN, FRENCH, OR RUSSIAN, WE CAN TRY FOR ESCORT-

INTERPRETER IN THOSE LANGUAGES.

9. WE ASSUME THAT GOB WILL PAY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
TO NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. WE CAN PICK PAPAZOV UP IN

NEW YORK.

10. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED INFORMATION
FROM EMBASSY ON FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS (SCSTP)
IN THE BULGARIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM. PLEASE ALSO INFORM
US, IN YOUR OPINION, WHICH SUBJECTS AND ISSUES PAPAZOV
WILL WANT TO DISCUSS, AND GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHOM
ELSE HE SHOULD MEET WITH DURING OFFICIAL PART OF VISIT.
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11. ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS POSED BY EMBASSY
(PARA. 7, REF B) FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

12. ONCE DR. PRESS HAS AGREED TO HOST PAPAZOV IN
WASHINGTON, WE WILL SO INFORM EMBASSY BY SEPTTEL,
REQUESTING AMBASSADOR FORMALLY TO INVITE HIM TO VISIT
US. PAPAZOV SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT DR. PRESS' ROLE
AS HOST WILL BE LIMITED TO A MEETING AND A LUNCH.

13. WITH PAPAZOV LEAVING SOFIA ON JANUARY 23, WE ASSUME
WE CAN RELAY FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROGRAM
THROUGH YOU TO PETROV. CHRISTOPHER

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